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For: Apparatus and Method for Operating a Water Valve

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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.132

Evidence Supporting Unexpected Results

I, Jon Chick, residing in Shelbyville, Tennessee, do state the following:

I am the inventor of the subject matter of the present invention. In my efforts to build a valve wrench which is easy to use and occupies minimum space when stored, I was surprised and delighted when I built a prototype as described in the referenced application and shown in Figure 1. The compact form as shown in Fig. 3 is so simple to use and easy to store, achieving a far more compact shape than I had hoped for, that at that time, I knew I had something of great value and began to pursue efforts to obtain a patent.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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